## Darkhast Lands in Chickmagalur-Malki Rate

13. Sri M. L. VASUDEVA MURTHY (Nominated).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the basis for fixing the malki for the lands granted under darkhast in Chickmagalur District in the year 1962 ;

(*b*) whether the malki was fixed at the then prevailing rate, and whether there are no instances of having collected malki at that rate ;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that in some cases malki is being levied at the present rate ; if so, whether there is any proposal to remove this discrimination and fix malki on all at the then prevailing rate ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) The basis for fixing the malki value for the timber that was existing on the lands given under darkhast was the then prevailing seigniorage rate.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In the cases of land grants though made previously, the malki rate at the present seigniorage rate is being charged for the lands that are now being put in possession of the grantees. According to the rules now in force all the malki is being removed or disposed of only by the Forest Department.

## Forest Area in the State

14. Sri M. L. VASUDEVA MURTHY (Nominated).—

Will the Minister of State for Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total extent of the Forest area in the State at the time of integration ;

(*b*) the area developed since then by afforestation programme ;

(*c*) the area de-forested since then for the following reasons :—

(1) for Agricultural purposes,

(2) for plantation purposes,

(3) for the purpose of Forest products such as timber, fire wood, etc., authorised,

(4) for the purposes of forest products such as timber, fire wood, etc., unauthorised (illicit),